



# FACT SHEET

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## Afghanistan Engineer District-South

### Our Work

The Afghanistan Engineer District-South is one of two U.S. Army Corps of Engineers districts subordinate to the Transatlantic Division that support U.S. efforts in Afghanistan. The South District was established Aug. 3, 2009, with headquarters located at Kandahar Airfield and area and resident offices located throughout the ISAF Regional Commands South, Southwest and West areas of operation.

The South District designs and constructs projects in three broad categories:

- **Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF)** –These projects, specifically for the national army and national police, include complete operating bases, training ranges, hospitals and police headquarters compounds.
- **Afghanistan Sustainable Development Program** – Projects such as roads, water and power infrastructure are funded primarily through the Commander's Emergency Response Program (CERP).
- **U.S. military construction** - These projects support U.S. Forces, such as airfields, barracks, cargo handling areas, utilities infrastructure, installation entry control points, warehouses and medical facilities.



### Our People

AED-South employs about 350 people – military, civilian and contractors. Our workforce includes Afghan citizens.

The headquarters is managed and staffed much like any Corps of Engineers district, with a commander, deputy commander, command sergeant major and deputy for programs and project management.

The district has four area offices, in Kandahar, Herat, and Helmand provinces and 12 subordinate resident offices throughout Afghanistan's south and west. The field offices are generally comprised of an officer in charge, an area or



resident engineer, project engineers, construction representatives, safety specialists, information technology specialists and administrative personnel.

## Our Goals

ISAF is focused on increasing the capacity of Afghan government to provide security, stability, and economic opportunity for the nation's citizens. The Corps of Engineers supports these goals: laying the foundation for increased capacity by providing critical infrastructure and building facilities that aid in governance and socio-economic development.

Today, the South District has a \$2.1 billion program with an aggressive construction schedule across all projects and categories.

The South District is using construction techniques, such as arch-span construction, to save time and money and is considering ways to implement more austere construction standards. Simpler designs with low-fuel requirements will be easier and more cost-effective for Afghans to maintain well into the future.

## USACE History in Afghanistan

In September 2002, USACE established the Afghanistan Area Office in Kabul. As the workload increased, USACE converted the area office to a district and on March 1, 2004, the Afghanistan Engineer District, reporting directly to USACE Headquarters, was established.

Five years after its creation, USACE enacted another organizational change to meet the engineering requirements in Afghanistan and established the South District. Both Afghanistan districts are subordinate to the Transatlantic Division (TAD) in Winchester, which was established September 29, 2009.

